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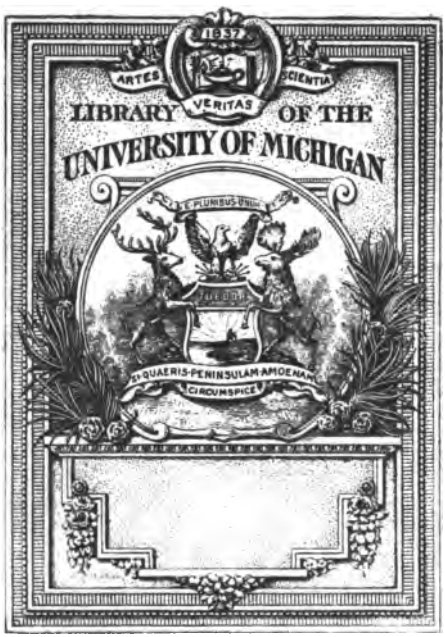
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1.

"*Select neither a blind guide nor a silly adviser.*"

That is the reason for this book. Aristophanes and the author have one sentiment.

2.

"*Never wear your heart on your sleeve.*"

It might drop off and get broken.

3.

"*Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.*"

And you'll find that to-day lasts forever,—but you won't.

4.

"*Practice what you preach.*"

And you'll find the world a desert.

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5.

"*Pray be patient and you shall find that half the best is still behind.*"

Never catches up, you know.

6.

"*Patience is a virtue.*"

That is only obviously so in a doctor's case.

7.

"*Those who laugh last laugh best.*"

That's the reason really funny people are waiting.

8.

"*A stitch in time saves nine.*"

But you want to fasten your thread with eight more.

9.

"*Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward.*"

That's because Mrs. Job didn't put the sparks out.

10.

"*Troubles never come single.*"

That's all on account of the marriage question.

11.

"*All's well that ends well.*"

No matter how deep.

12.

"*Live and learn.*"

That doesn't mean any reflection on death.

13.

"*A penny saved is a penny earned.*"
That means getting rich without exertion.

14.

"*Make hay while the sun shines.*"
But look out for sunstroke.

15.

"*There's many a slip between the cup and the lip.*"
But not if a man's real thirsty.

16.

"*Hitch your wagon to a star.*"
That's a good quote, but Emerson didn't stop to think how far up you have to climb before you can harness up.

17.

"*Pride goes before a fall.*"
Now that's a mistake; it is generally afterwards.

18.

"*Absence makes the heart grow fonder.*"
But that's only in the case of the Real Thing.

19.

"*Distance lends enchantment.*"
But it's a spell that doesn't always work.

20.

"*Out of sight out of mind.*"
Vacant, you see.

21.

"*Charity covers a multitude of sins.*"
That's why the world's so wicked.

22.

"*Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.*"
That man died.

23.

"*Penny wise and pound foolish.*"
That is best elucidated by — "While ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise."

24.

"*The play's the thing.*"
Now that's a gamble.

25.

"*To be or not to be — that is the question.*"
Answer — to be.

26.

"*All's fair in love and war.*"
Generally pretty hard fare.

27.

"*You must creep before you can walk.*"
That has reference to editors and publishers.

28.

"*Art is long and life is short.*"
So most artists take a long shot at it and then die.

29.

"*Too many cooks spoil the broth.*"
They're all in the soup, so to speak.

30.

"*It never rains but it pours.*"
That is a popular fallacy; sometimes it sprinkles, and sometimes it just rains.

31.

"*Look before you leap.*"
That was intended for the nursery; or as a sarcasm on blind men.

32.

"*Money is the root of all evil.*"
We all live "en route."

33.

"*Might makes right.*"
One might believe that if it were right.

34.

"*Misfortunes come unsought.*"
Well, but who would seek them?

35.

Pliny the elder said: "*No man is wise at all times.*"
That's because he doesn't know the whys and the wherefores.

36.

"*Every rose has its thorn.*"
Except the early rose of the potato variety.

37.

"*As you do to another expect another to do to you.*"
Yes, it's all a case of do.

38.

"*Right wrongs no man.*"
Well, only the rite of matrimony.

39.

"*Eggs to-day are better than chickens to-morrow.*"
Eggsactly, unless you want to renew the eggs.

40.

"*Friends are proved by adversity.*"
Let us go without friends.

41.

"*Prosperity begets friends, adversity proves them.*"
Let us have prosperity.

42.

"*A friend in need is a friend indeed.*"
But then you have to help him out.

43.

"*The devil rebukes sin.*"
The devil he does.

44.

"*The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.*"
That's the reason there are so many old maids.

45.

"*Crabbed but kind, pleasant and sour together, I can neither live with you nor yet without you.*"
From Martial. Meaning husband or wife, sometimes both.

46.

"*A cover worthy of the pot.*"
A quote generally applied to reformed poker players who play bridge.

47.

"*If at first you don't succeed try, try again.*"
And after you have tried again, try, try again and again. You can only fail. This is only in reference to trying to get into the magazines without a "pull."

48.

"*Stolen fruit is sweetest.*"
But be sure you recognize the best fruit-bearing tree.

49.

"*Sweet is the love of one's country, sweet to behold one's kindred.*"

That is a sweet quote altogether, especially after long absences.

50.

"*Worship of the great is pleasant to those who are inexperienced in the world, but he who has gained experience dreads dependence.*"

The truth of that cannot be trifled with.

51.

"*While we fly from our fate, like fools we rush on to it.*"

Of course that hints plainly at before and after possessing an automobile.

52.

"*Whilst I read, I assent.*"
That is what you must do whilst reading these.

53.

"*While I breathe I hope.*"
That is misleading and unjust to death.

54.

"*Be what you really are; let any other person be what others are. Do not wish to be that which you are not, and wish to be that which you can be.*"
Suppose that means being an idiot. Let it pass.

55.

"*To advise and be advised is the duty of true friendship.*"
I suppose that is why there is so little true friendship in the world.

56.

"*From bad manners good laws have sprung.*"
There is then hope for Gotham.

57.

"*Thrice happy they, and more, whom an indissoluble union binds together, and whom love, unimpaired by evil complainings, does not separate before the last day.*"
Horace said that: and I think he drew it mildly.

58.

"*Hasten slowly.*"
A New York motto.

59.

"*It is not easy to drink and whistle at the same moment.*"
That's because of wetting your whistle.

60.

"*Even the fountains are athirst.*"
N. B.—Millionaires!

61.

"*Fortune favors fools.*"
Console yourselves, unfortunates.

62.

"*A great fortune is a great slavery to its owner.*"
Same thing as love.

63.

"*Lost moments can never be recovered.*"
Sometimes you can find them if you look for them in the Morning Times.

64.

"*A fly, even, has its anger.*"
That proverb turns itself into a buzz saw.

65.

"*Self praise is no recommendation.*"
Therefore, be humble, Americans, when abroad!

66.

"*Black cares will be soothed by verse.*"
Some magazine verse will turn them white.

67.

"*Good will is the best of gifts.*"
Use it Christmas.

68.

"*Trust no man until you have eaten a bushel of salt with him.*"

That is a scurvy trick.

69.

"*There is nothing more powerful than custom.*"

Especially the New York customs.

70.

"*I do not study that my page be swelled out with bubbly trifles, suited only to give weight to smoke.*"

No,— not that!

71.

This is from Ovid: "*A thousand girls have no charms for me; I am no rover in love.*"

Rather too many, Ovid, for even a rover.

72.

"*It will not always be summer.*" A translation from Hesiod.

Bear that in mind when the thermometer reaches the high limit.

73.

"*I am not what I once was.*" From Horace and also from Ovid.

So does history repeat itself, so do homely phrases continue from time on; no one ever was what he once was. So true, so apt, so enlightening for us in these later centuries. We are all as Horace and Ovid.

74.

"*And let it be kept back up to the ninth year.*" Another from Horace. A recommendation to dramatic writers to expend the greatest care upon their productions.

75.

"*Not a letter of my writings is sullied by a malevolent joke.*"

Ovid, that is a reproach!

76.

"*He will never be despised by others who makes himself respected by his own relations.*"

I should say not.

77.

"*He has carried every point who has blended the useful with the agreeable, amusing his reader while he instructs him.*"

Let us pray for points.

78.

"*The smoke of our own country is brighter than the fire of another.*"

The comment of a Pittsburgher while abroad.

79.

"*You will always be poor, if you are poor now; Æmelianus, riches are given nowadays to none but the wealthy.*"— Martial.

"Nowadays" continues.

80.

Cicero is responsible for this: "*We should avoid the love of money: nothing so much shows a little and narrow mind as the love of riches.*"

Who could refrain from a great mind, when to despise money is so easy?

81.

"*A storm of poetry is gathering.*"—Juvenal.

A prediction for America. N. B., Poets!

82.

"*Follow the plan of the polypus.*"

You know the polypus was supposed to be able to assume the color of the rocks to which it adhered, and thus be able to escape notice. So the proverb has been followed by American poets who have been writing for magazine editors.

83.

"*Charity begins at home.*"

That really and literally means "with one's self."

84.

"*Be constantly on your guard to whom you speak and what you say.*"

Therefore don't speak.

85.

"*Get money, my son, get money, honestly if you can, but get money.*"

Horace is responsible for that. What a modern spirit!

86.

"*The business is on the hinge.*"

I quote that old Latin proverb as a hint for a new thing in American slang. Synonymous of suspense.

87.

Horace again. "*What forbids a man to convey the truth laughingly?*"

This is another excuse for this book.

88.

"*Sooner or later we all hasten to one place.*"
—Ovid.

Of course that means the hereafter, but it sounds comfortable and sociable.

89.

"*Let me have a good supply of books and a store of provisions for the year.*"— Horace.

How like a twentieth century sentiment. Ancients and moderns are so alike.

90.

"*There is no way to conceal folly, but by silence.*"

There is wisdom in that, oh, Foolish.

91.

"*To affect folly is, on some occasions, consummate wisdom.*"

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

92.

"*It is folly to tear one's hair in sorrow, just as though grief could be assuaged by baldness.*"— Cicero.

Even the great Cicero had a word of wisdom for the foolish.

93.

"*Time is the soul of business.*"

Another American motto.

94.

"*An incurable itch for writing possesses many.*"— Juvenal.

No comment needed.

95.

"*Shun the companionship of the tiger.*"
Which? "The Lady or the Tiger?"

96.

"*You, by Jove, if you are wise, do not know what you do know.*"— Terence.

In spite of the profanity, this old quotation deserves full recognition. It is so enlightening.

97.

"*Whence your wealth comes, nobody inquires; but wealth you must have.*"—Juvenal.

Worldly, but Juvenal was only an American born before his time.

98.

"*How delightful it is to keep one's money.*"
— Plautus.

Sage advice. Try to follow it.

99.

"*How often are the greatest geniuses buried in obscurity.*"

That is so comforting to the obscure. Plautus was really such a helpful ancient writer that we should keep him on our library tables.

100.

"*As you sow, so shall you reap.*"

Cicero said something like that. We all know it's so.

101.

"*The time for grafting has now come; make branch adopt branch.*"—Ovid.

It was even so in the time of Ovid.

102.

"*When angry count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.*"—Jefferson.

If downright mad, say damn!

103.

"*The perfection of art is to conceal art.*"
—Quintilian.

It has reached great perfection since Quintilian,— to-day.

104.

"*Choose the company of your superiors, whenever you can have it.*"— Lord Chesterfield.

Alas! how solitary we all would be were we to do that!

105.

"*There are three difficulties in authorship — to write anything worth the publishing, to find honest men to publish it, and to get sensible men to read it.*"

This would be a good motto to hang in every writer's study, also this added to accompany it: "He who proposes to be an author should first be a student." Then would there be more chance for all.

106.

"*There is a self-evident axiom that she who is born a beauty is half married.*"

Why, Ouida, what an astonishing remark!

107.

"*Every charitable act is a stepping-stone toward heaven.*"

Step out, "mes enfants!" We should regard these warnings.

108.

"*True contentment depends not upon what we have; a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.*"
—Colton.

We should just be content, for we always can get a tub and we all can have the world, they are both easy of access, and there is always the next world.

109.

"*He whose first emotion, on the view of an excellent production, is to undervalue it, will never have one of his own to show.*"—Aiken.

Who could resist quoting that comment on criticism? Dear critics, mark, note, and grow charitable.

110.

"*If a woman were about to proceed to her execution, she would demand a little time to perfect her toilet.*"— Chamford.

That is the reason she makes such an elaborate wedding trousseau.

111.

"*Duty grows everywhere, like children, like grass.*"—Emerson.

True, it is rank, so unoriginal.

112.

"*Let men laugh when you sacrifice desire to duty, if they will. You have time and eternity to rejoice in.*"— Theodore Parker.

That is pure humor.

113.

"*The fullest and best ears of corn hang lowest toward the ground.*"—Bishop Reynolds.

I should suppose that that is how "acknowledging the corn" came to be synonymous of humility.

114.

"*Absence of occupation is not rest,*
A mind quite vacant is a mind distress'd."
— Cowper

How can it be vacant if it is distressed?

115.

"*It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent, so much as the smallness of his wants.*"— Cobbett.

Does anybody know whether Cobbett was a man with or without means?

116.

"*Ourselves are to ourselves the cause of ill;*
We may be independent if we will."
— Churchill

One can find no fault with the rhythm and rhyme of that. But what mendacity!

117.

"*Love and you shall be loved. All love is mathematically just, as much as the two sides of an algebraic equation.*"— Emerson.

Then love is a mathematical problem!

118.

"*Man is an animal that cooks his victuals.*"
— Burke.

And then he has dyspepsia.

119.

"*We all have sufficient fortitude to bear the misfortunes of others.*"— La Rochefoucauld.

But few of us have sufficient humor to see the necessity.

120.

"*What a dignity it gives an old lady, that balance at the banker's! How tenderly we look at her faults, if she is a relative; what a kind, good-natured old creature we find her!*"

—Thackeray.

"Mais, non!" Not in this century.

121.

"*All that I am, my mother made me.*"

— J. Q. Adams.

And more too.

122.

"*An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him.*"— Pope.

They pinion him down, so to speak.

123.

"*Cheerfulness is the daughter of employment and I have known a man come home in high spirits from a funeral, merely because he has had the management of it.*"— Dr. Horne.

That means that anything will do, so long as one has an occupation, even grave-digging.

124.

"*The great happiness of life I find, after all, to consist in the regular discharge of some mechanical duty.*"— Schiller.

One wouldn't have thought Schiller would have said that.

125.

"*The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion.*"— Lowell.

Mr. Lowell is responsible for a very grave charge.

126.

"*I was born an American, I live an American, I shall die an American.*"— Daniel Webster.

Yes, you did, Daniel. There are very few exceptions to the general rule.

127.

"*The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit to know what they mean when in it.*"
—Cecil.

That's a mean thing to do.

128.

"*By the streets of 'By and By,' one arrives at the house of never.*"—Cervantes.

Of course he doesn't mean "In the Sweet—"

129.

"*Look up and not down; look forward and not back; look out and not in, and lend a hand.*"
— E. E. Hale.

With the other hand keep your balance.

130.

"*Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say.*"—Colton.

And yet most people contrive to say far more than they see, or even than they hear with two ears.

131.

"*It is all nonsense about not being able to work without ale and cider and fermented liquors. Do lions and cart horses drink ale?*"
— Sydney Smith.

Sydney Smith's writings were generally humorous.

132.

"*He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices.*"— Carlo Goldoni.

He may be lacking the price of the journey.

133.

"*All other goods by Fortune's hand are given,*
A wife is the peculiar gift of heaven."—Pope.

What is a peculiar gift?

134.

"*Wit without wisdom is salt without meat; and that is but a comfortless dish to set a hungry man down to.*"— Bishop Horne.

Now, isn't it?

135.

"*The absent are always at fault.*" French proverb.

It's easy now to see how and why gossip is so popular and so fatal.

136.

"*For what thou canst do thyself, rely not on another.*"— French proverb.

The question is how much can you do.

137.

"*The wholesomest meat is at another man's cost.*"—French proverb.

Whew! How these proverbs do contradict each other!

138.

"*The ape claspeth her young so long that at last she killeth them.*"—Also French.

Well, Darwin has some reason, after all.

139.

"*Be not a baker, if your head be of butter.*"
—Spanish proverb.

That might be lucid to a well-bred goat.

140.

"*Bells call others to church, but enter not themselves.*"— Italian proverb.

The others are the beaux supposedly, so the belles just chime in.

141.

"*The body is the socket of the soul.*"

Sometimes the soul, alas! goes into the pocket.

142.

"*Building is a sweet impoverishing.*"

Air castles in Spain. (Called Spanish plague.)

143.

"*Woe to the house where there is no chiding.*"

Can we take anything from that in reference to matrimony?

144.

"*Children are poor men's riches, certain cares, but uncertain comforts; when they are little they make parents fools, when great, mad.*"
—English proverb.

We all have been children.

145.

"*The comforter's head never aches.*"—Italian proverb.

What a blankety, blank, blank!

146.

"*Deeds are males, words are females.*"
—Italian.

Then why are letters called the mail?

147.

"*Dogs gnaw bones because they cannot swallow them.*"—Italian proverb.

That is so good it needs very little said about it. Gossips, take note in your contentions!

148.

"*Wider ears and a short tongue.*"

Every dog is known by his ear marks.

149.

"*Eat to live, but do not live to eat.*"

O Western salad-makers, take notice; sit up and spare your guests!

150.

"*Bear with evil and expect good.*"

That is the best proverb quoted in this book.

151.

"*Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.*"
Rather fall in with him and he will think more of you than of the trifle. See?

152.

"*None but fools and fiddlers sing at their meat.*"
No, it is meet to be serious then, singers cannot eat while singing.

153.

"*Reckon right and February hath thirty-one days.*"
That is deeper and wiser than we wot of.

154.

"*Fools tie knots, and wise men loose them.*"
Not in all cases.

155.

"*Forgive any, sooner than thyself.*"
That is also French and Italian, but who ever followed that maxim?

156.

"*The best mirror is an old friend.*"—Spanish proverb.
Keep your friends young, then.

157.

"*God deprives him of bread, who likes not his drink.*"
That's conclusive about drinking at meals.

158.

"*Gossips and frogs drink and talk.*"—English proverb.
Croakers. Tea and water.

159.

"*He who would have a hare for breakfast must hunt overnight.*"

I see even in old English they maligned the boarding-house keeper.

160.

"*He laughs ill that laughs himself to death.*"

There is no danger of dying over wise jokes.

161.

"*Like author like book.*"

Hard lines ——

162.

"*Life is half spent before we know what it is.*"

How we should live the other half! ! ! ! !

163.

"*Riches are but the baggage of fortune.*"
Who wouldn't pay for excess weight?

164.

"*Sit in your place and none can make you rise.*"
Unless sitting in the east.

165.

"*Think much, speak little, write less.*"
—Old English proverb.
Quite forgotten in these days.

166.

"*The thought hath good legs, and the quill a good tongue.*"
But sometimes the ink faileth.

167.

"*Better that the feet slip than the tongue.*"
Figuratively, to take a tumble.

168.

"*The tongue's not steel, yet it cuts.*"
Sometimes it steals more than it cuts.

169.

"*Change of weather is the discourse of fools.*"
— Spanish proverb.
We all do be fools.

170.

"*I wept when I was born, and every day shews why.*"— Old English.
Nothing personal.

171.

"*A woman conceals what she knows not.*"
—English proverb.

i. e. What men know.

172.

"*We shall lie all alike in our graves.*"
—Spanish proverb.

But living each one stands to a different one.

173.

"*Two anons and a by and by is an hour and a half.*"

Accurate reasoning.

174.

"*Scald not your lips in another man's pottage.*"

Suppose the soup is cold?

175.

"*Stretch your arm no further than your sleeve will reach.*"—English.

But wear long sleeves.

176.

"*Never be ashamed to eat your meat.*"
—From the ancients.

In the latest etiquette code it is meet to eat all of that which is on one's plate; so again the ancients and moderns meet.

177.

"*Lose nothing for asking.*"

In America, meaning questions. All conversation is started that way.

178.

"*When bad's the best, naught must be the choice.*"

See? It's nothing to be naughty.

179.

"*At a great bargain make a pause.*"
Sensible advice, nothing to add.

180.

"*Every bean hath its black.*"
Except in Boston. Boston beans are perfect.

181.

"*Well begun is half done.*"
Many of us never get finished.

182.

"*The best things are worst to come by.*"
Shawesque.

183.

"*Better untaught than ill taught.*"
No need to say more. It would be tautology.

184.

"*Beware of Had I wist.*"

Hindsight is therefore better than foresight, or vice versa. Otherwise we wouldn't know.

185.

"*Birds of a feather flock together.*"

But all birds of a feather are not on the wing at the same time.

186.

"*One bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.*"

But one bird in the hand oftens turns out to be a goose and the two birds in the bush look at a distance like owls.

187.

"*Every bird must hatch her own egg.*"—Latin proverb in use among the Dutch.

No comment.

188.

"*The bird that can sing and will not sing must be made to sing.*"

That means that the whole world ought to sing!

189.

"*Small birds must have meat.*"

Big birds can live on nectar and ambrosia.

190.

"*A black hen lays a white egg.*"—French proverb.

That means that little, white, honorable lies are not bad things.

191.

"*They have need of a blessing who kneel to a thistle.*"

That refers to the thorny path of domesticity.

192.

"*Let every man praise the bridge he goes over.*"

Yes, but let his published praises be unabridged!

193.

"*Bring not a bagpipe to a man in trouble.*"

That is let your hand speak louder than your voice.

194.

"*A broken sack will hold no corn.*"

That is a French proverb Englished. That is very subtle, but there is something holy about it.

195.

"*The burnt child dreads the fire.*" (That is found in the equivalent in all languages.)

We all fear life and death for the same reason.

196.

"*They that have good store of butter may lay it thick on their bread (or put some in their shoes.)*"

These old quotes are awfully deep, now cipher that out and it means a whole lot. Butter is slick, you know, and bread is necessary. To use butter plentifully and keep it hid away means you must get a whole lot of it. Butter keeps your bones from breaking, and to lay by, of course, means that your bread won't taste dry in the eating, when you are ready to eat it. This quote is important.

197.

"*When the cat winketh, little wots the mouse what the cat thinketh.*"
Concatenation.

198.

"*When candles are out all cats are gray.*"
So is brain matter.

199.

"*Children and fools speak the truth.*"
Wisdom for the foolish.

200.

"*Children suck the mother when they are young and the father when they are old.*"
Evolution; then the children become mothers and fathers. "So is 't."

201.

"*After Christmas comes Lent.*"
Yes, and pay up.

202.

"*Hasty climbers have sudden falls.*"
Some have windfalls.

203.

"*Close sits my shirt, but closer my skin.*"
That shows how close one's skin is. One's kin should be closer than one's shirt.

204.

"*Glowing coals sparkle oft.*"
Poetical and warm, but the gas imitation spoils the originality of it and makes monotony.

205.

"*Call me cousin, but cozen me not.*"
America versus Great Britain.

206.

"*No man is his craft's master the first day.*"
— Italian proverb.
Remember that, all ye who write or work at any craft.

207.

"*To-day a man, to-morrow a mouse.*"
That's a transcription (reversed) from Darwin. Take no notice.

208.

"*To-day me, to-morrow thee.*"
That's all right, live up to it, and perhaps you'll understand your fellowman.

209.

"*Speak well of the dead.*"
Yes, and at the same time say a good word for the living.

210.

"*Give the devil his due.*"
Before he does you.

211.

"*There's a difference between staring and stark blind, or mad.*"
This is the staring blind age, we have gotten past the stark or naked period.

212.

"*Every dog hath his day, and man his hour.*"
And every saint hath only a minute.

213.

"*What! keep a dog, and bark myself?*"
Yea, yea, it is the servant problem.

214.

"*Ever drunk, ever dry.*"
Who ever heard of a dry drunk!

215.

"*It early pricks that will be a thorn.*"
That's the whole theory of life.

216.

"*The early bird catcheth the worm.*"
Much worn; but we still ask, What catcheth the worm?

217.

"*He that will eat the kernel must crack the nut.*"— Old English from many sources.

But we're no wiser than the squirrels who love nuts better than we, and can crack them better, can hoard them better. We eat the kernel after we crack the nut and say it is indigestible.

218.

"*A feast is not made of mushrooms only.*"

But sometimes a fashionable dinner is.

219.

"*The best fish swim near the bottom.*"

Take note and dive deep.

220.

"*A fool may ask more questions than a wise man can answer in seven years.*"

Why is it?

221.

"*As the fool thinks, so the bell tinks, or clinks.*"

And so the clock ticks.

222.

"*Fools build houses and wise men live in them.*"

Therefore, be wise and have no covering for your head.

223.

"*Fools set stools for wise men to stumble at.*"

You see how much wisdom there is in being foolish?

224.

"*Send a fool to the market and a fool he will return again.*"

Stock market.

225.

"*What's freer than a gift?*'
That's a fool's question no wise man can answer.

226.

"*He is a friend that grindeth at my mill.*"
That is an exceedingly good quote.

227.

"*He is a good friend that speaks well of us behind our backs.*"
That is a serious quote. It sounds trite, but it is the sum and all of friendship. "Behind our backs," we are so defenceless; to our faces we are armed, we are treated with a possible chance of explanation. This sounds like a departure from witticisms and irony, but even friendship is irony, and wit often saves it. Therefore, friendship is wit and irony to one's face, and silence behind one's back. Excuse length.

228.

"*Many kinsfolk, few friends.*"
No comment. Excuse brevity.

229.

"*Golden dreams make men awake hungry.*"
Don't let us wake up.

230.

"*Great ships require deep water.*"
Little boats a mud puddle.

231.

"*Gray hairs are death's blossoms.*"
Not in these days; it's only the knowing look.

232.

"*The gull comes after the rain.*"
I always thought it was the lull. Sometimes quotes are misleading, gull and lull rhyme, and you are easy in either case.

233.

"*A heavy purse makes a light heart.*"
And a light head makes a light purse.

234.

"*Little bodies have great souls.*"
Occasionally.

235.

"*Love thy neighbor, but pull not down thy hedge.*"
N. B. to that, it will pay.

236.

"*Why should a rich man steal?*"
That's so, why should he? And why should a poor man?

237.

"*Three may keep counsel, if two be away.*"
That's a single instance.

238.

"*Never be weary of well doing.*"
It's surprising how weary one feels in just reading that.

239.

"*Some are wise and some are otherwise.*"
Punistical and shallow; but the otherwise are wise, otherwise they are not.

240.

"*Bought wit is best.*"
That means you must experience wit, just as you would love or religion, then you know the real thing.

241.

"*Good wits jump.*"
Or in other words, wits have nerves.

242.

"'*Tis a great journey to the world's end.*"
Isn't that sublime? Every one's going there too.

243.

"*Go forward and fall; go backward and mar all.*"
That's life.

244.

Scotch proverb: "*Be a friend to yoursel' and ithers will.*"

Good cautious Scotch counsel.

245.

"*Better kiss a knave than cast out wi' him.*"

More of the same sort, only worse.

246.

"*Better the ill-ken'd than the gude unken'd.*'

Athirst for knowledge. Evidently, tolerable advice.

247.

"*Better sit idle, than work for nought.*"

Really, Scottish caution is selfish.

248.

"*Folly is a bonny dog.*"
That's nice, no caution there.

249.

"*He that canna mak' sport should mar nane.*"
That's canny and wise.

250.

"*He that gets forgets, but he that wants thinks on.*"
Think on that, fair, gentle, and stern readers.

251.

"*He wats na whilk end o' him's uppermost.*"
Heads of Nations often Feel That Way.

252.

"*He is wise wha can mak a friend o' a foe.*"
'Tis your duty to.

253.

"*Joke, and let the jaw gae o'er.*"
Nothing can improve on that.

254.

"*It is na What is she, but, What has she?*"
But what is she but what has she?

255.

"*It is past joking when the head's off.*"
True.

256.

"*It is weel that our fau'ts are na written on our face.*"

Yes, it is weel, for we would then have to wear a false face.

257.

"*Joke at leisure, ye kenna wha may jybe yoursel'.*"

Yea, joke slow, Scot, but see the point quickly.

258.

"*It is hard to wed and thrive in a year.*"

How many years?

259.

"*It is a silly pack that mauna pay the customs.*"

That's all very well for old Scotland.

260.

"*Keep your tongue between your teeth.*"
And don't bite.

261.

"*Lang look'd for comes at last.*"
But not to the blind.

262.

"*Little ken'd the less car'd for.*"
That's pathetic, but in the Scot's tongue sounds unsympathetic. So much for a name.

263.

"*Let them that are cauld blaw at the coal.*"
See? If you're hungry get something to eat!

264.

"*Lifeless, faultless.*"
"Brevity is the soul of wit."

265.

"*Naething enters into a close hand.*"
Nay, nor naething comes out o' it.

266.

"*Nane can play the fool sae weel as a wise man.*"
A fool is a wise man.

267.

"*Painters and poets have liberty to lie.*"
But Painters and Poets never do.

268.

"*Rue an' thyme grow baith in ae garden.*"
First planted in the Garden of Eden.

269.

"*Shaw me the man an' I'll Shaw you the law.*"
Pardon the pun.

270.

"*Tak' the bit and the buffet wi't.*"
Life.

271.

"*The mair noble the mair humble.*"
Can't refrain from that quote, it's vital.

272.

"*There's naething ill said that's no ill ta'en.*"
Live up to that and you will live happy ever after.

273.

"*There is mony a true tale tauld in jest.*"
Of course, there is more truth in comedy than in tragedy.

274.

"*They that drink langest live langest.*"
A good point for statistics.

275.

"*Time and thinking tame the strongest grief.*"
And dull the wildest joy.

276.

"*Tak' time when time is, for time will awa.*"
You can't take time, time takes you, and you will away, but time stays on.

277.

"*The de'il's a busy bishop in his ain diocese.*"
Let's keep him in it.

278.

"*The wise mak' jests, an' fools repeat them.*"
Now, what do you think of that? How are we then to know who are fools and who are wise men?

279.

"*We are bound to be honest but not to be rich.*"
When honesty comes in at the window, riches fly out thro' the door.

280.

"*A fair promise makes a fool merry.*" (British or Welsh.)

It's surprising how many fools there are.

281.

"*Deep lies the heart's language.*"

Deep lies, how sad!

282.

"*He that shoots always right forfeits his arrow.*"

That's clever; better save an arrow now and then.

283.

"*A good friend never offends.*"

Come, now, that is not so; our best friends take pleasure in it.

284.

"*Too much is stark naught.*"
Yea, yea, far too much.

285.

"*Clear conscience, a sure card.*"
But not a winning one.

286.

"*The Welshman keeps nothing, till he has lost it.*"
One can detect his Irish relationship in the wording.

287.

(Irish.) "*He looks as angry as if he was vexed.*"
Who? Why! pShaw!

288.

(Danish.) "*To-day gold, to-morrow, dust.*"
Gold-dust.

289.

"*Without favour art is like a windmill without wind.*"
But a windmill without wind is steady.

290.

"*No and yes often cause long disputes.*"
Especially the latter — afterwards.

291.

"*An injury forgiven is better than an injury revenged.*"
And easier.

292.

"*A cake eaten in peace is better than two in trouble.*"

Yes, but monotonous; it all depends on the sort of trouble.

293.

(Eastern.) "*Defaming or slandering others is the greatest of all sins.*"

Hear! Hear! And believe it. It's true.

294.

"*Silence is wisdom and gets a man friends.*"

And loses them.

295.

"*Speak well even to bad men.*"

From the East comes the best revelations.

296.

"*Knowledge is a second light, and hath bright eyes.*"

Isn't that beautiful? Obtain knowledge, O Foolish, and discern with bright eyes!

297.

(Hebrew.) "*The wine is the master's, but the goodness of it is the butler's.*"

The same it is with food and cooks. We have sore need to be grateful.

298.

"*The servant of a king is a king.*"

Right you are.

299.

(English.) *A burden of one's own choice is not felt.*"

Mistaken; it is felt and hugged.